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New director appointed

Paul McGuinness, the former director of recruitment at Moraine Valley Community College, in Palos Hills, Ill., has been appointed the new director of Admissions and Recruitment at PUC.

Parking compression due to construction

Preparations for a utilities construction project, concerning the steam/chilled water lines on campus, began on Wednesday, June 12, and is continuing through August. The contractor plans to fence off the area and store equipment and supplies on the east side of the P-2 parking lot, located between the A-building and M-building. Access to the lot will remain open and parking at the west end of the lot , near Woodmar Ave., will be maintained. The area should be avoided as much as possible.

Reduce, reuse, recycle with Green Coalition

The Green Coalition, a new environmental group on campus, is recruiting new members for next semester. A concern for the environment and a desire to socialize with students with the same concerns and interests are the only requirements. Contact the Student Activities Office at (219) 989-2369 to join or learn more about the club.

Photography contest

The Lake County Parks department is accepting entries until Oct. 1 for their 1996 Photography Contest. For more information call (219) 755-3685.

Ground breaking for Founders Plaza

First phase of $1.2 million project will be completed late this summer.

BY GREGG LEONARD
Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 50 people joined Chancellor James Yackel and several city and state officials in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Founders Plaza, on June 4.

Located between the Gyte and Student Faculty Library Center, the plaza will honor the founders of Purdue Calumet as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration. It will highlight the contrasts of Northwest Indiana, where Great Herons still nest in the shadow of steel mills.

The plaza will be built on land that was once a portion of 171st Street. Like Purdue Calumet itself, this little portion of the campus has a rich history of its own.

According to former Chancellor Combs, plans for closing the street and utilizing the area began in the early seventies, with plans for a bicentennial plaza. The administration at that time was not able to gain permission from the city of Hammond to close the street, and the plans were shelved. There were two other attempts to acquire the area, but the city and area residents blocked university attempts to close the street.

In 1991 the university again petitioned the city to vacate the street and they were finally successful. After the seemingly requisite lawsuits challenging the decision were defeated, plans were developed for the area. Former Chancellor Combs, in his address at the ceremony, thanked the present administration for "finally accomplishing what we couldn't get done."

The plaza itself will feature a pair of walks set in blue-green

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Paver bricks

Alumni and friends of Purdue Calumet are encouraged to purchase engraved paving bricks which will be set in the plaza walkway around the reflecting pool. These bricks will cost $100 for a 4" x 8" brick with up to 36 characters, or $175 for an 8" x 8" brick with 72 characters. Contact the Office of Advancement, Room O-318, (219) 989-2323.

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Photo courtesy of University Relations

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuscera, of Hammond, help break the ground for the opening of Founders Plaza. The Kuscera's *bought the first memorial paver for the plaza in honor of their* late son, Michael.

Chronicle staffer wins design award

Chronicle Staff report

Illustrator Rhede Rhodes won a first place award in the Student Society of Newspaper Design's 1996 Excellence in newspaper design awards.

"This is big - this is huge!" exclaimed Dave Fanno, advisor to The Chronicle.

The drawing, entitled "Ripple in Still Water," won first place in the hand-drawn illustration category for a non-daily student newspaper.

Rhede is an education major at PUC and has been on the Chronicle staff since fall 1995. The elusive Mr. Rhodes could not be reached for comment.

"It is great that Rhede has received recognition for his work. The staff of the Chronicle is working hard to earn more awards like this one," commented Gregg Leonard, Editor-in-Chief.

ILLUSTRATION BY RHEDE RHODES

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Tinkham honored for 40 years of service

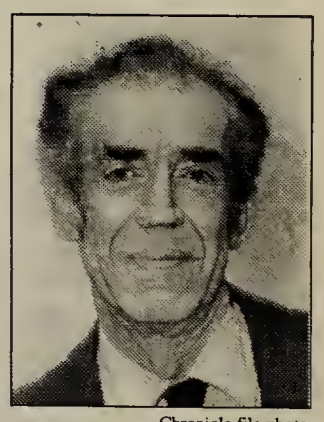
BY REGINA HURST
Staff Writer

Professor Charles B. Tinkham of the English department was honored at the university's annual Faculty and Staff Service Recognition Luncheon. Prof. Tinkham has served Purdue Calumet for 40 years.

Tinkham joined the university in 1955. Since then he has written and published several books, articles and poems. His latest book, "A Year Among the Trees of Purdue Calumet," is now available in the campus bookstore.

Other members of the faculty and staff were honored for 1,055 collective years of service. Among those also recognized were Associate Professor of Physics Jaming Pan who has served the university for 35 years.

Professor of English Robert E. Nichols, Jr. and Head of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering Technologies and Supervision C. David Rose were recognized for 30 years of service.



Chronicle file photo

Professor Charles Tinkham, Department of English,. joined the faculty in 1955.

Also honored at the luncheon were Purdue Calumet 1995-96 retirees: Mildred B. Blosky, Library; Patricia J. Cushing, University Division; Rae Jeanne Gozdecki, Registrar's office; Margaret A. Gurski, Engineering; Mary A. O'Drobinak, Athletics; James S. Quasney, Information Systems and Computer Programming; Mary Lee Warner, Advancement; Cecilia C. Weimer, Nursing.

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The Chronicle has expanded its virtual presence on the Web with a new design and commitment to electronic publishing.

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With PUC stories, local, national and world new, plus features, the Chronicle Online uses the capabilities of the World Wide Web to inform and entertain readers.

The Chronicle Online can be accessed from any of the computers on campus via the above URL or from the PUC home page.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

What a 50th anniversary year it's been!

Our year-long, 50th anniversary observance has afforded Purdue Calumet numerous opportunities to celebrate, tell our story and draw attention to our institution.

It has provided a forum for reviewing our past and focusing on our future.

We have tried to seize our moments throughout this special year—and, indeed, there have been moments to seize and cherish! As our golden anniversary winds down, join us in this, *The Chronicle's* last issue of the semester, as we take note of Purdue Calumet special happenings of 1995-96.

- the Indiana General Assembly approved construction of a classroom/office building we desperately need.
- after a two-year decline, enrollment this semester increased to 8,976—the second highest spring total in university history.
- a new associate degree program in emergency medical services—offered collaboratively with St. Anthony Medical Center was introduced last fall.
- another new associate degree offering in nutrition, fitness and health has been approved.
- 15 skill-enhancing, credit certificate programs for professionals were introduced last fall.
- several endowed scholarships were established, contributing to the more than $315,000 that will be awarded in university scholarships during 1996-97.
- our south Lake County presence was expanded to three sites this spring, with credit courses offered at Merrillville (Hellenic Cultural Center) and St. John (Lake Central High School), in addition to Crown *Point High School.*
- a Nobel Prize winner and renowned science educator (Leon Lederman) visited our campus and lectured.
- so did a world class marathon/American record holder (Joan Benoit-Samuelson)....
- and an astronaut (Janice Voss)...
- and the chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisors (Joseph E. Stiglitz...
- and a CBS news correspondent (Martha Teichner)...
- and another media expert, this one on the social impact of television (George Gerbner)...
- and an award-winning author, actor and humorist (Jean Shepherd)...
- and the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Michael Moskow)...
- in an unprecedented turnaround, our women's basketball team rebounded from an abbreviated season a year ago to win the conference championship and earn a berth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I women's basketball tournament, compiling a 27-5 record.
- Internet access was made available and electronic mail accounts were activated for all students.
- METS, ISCP, EET and Construction Tech hosted a unique Then & Now Car Show/Tech Expo last Saturday. (Were you able to attend?)
- Professor of History Lance Trusty wrote a book about our half century heritage, *Purdue University Calumet: The First Fifty Years*. By the way, it'll be on sale next week for $25 through the Office of Advancement (O-318).

It's been a grand year!

Briefs Briefs Briefs

Tau Psi named "Best Chapter"

PUC's Tau Psi chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society received one of the two national "Best Chapter" awards for 1995-96. The award was for campuses that have between 6,000 and 15,000 students. The award recognized the PUC chapter for its extraordinary level of activity and the dedication of its members to the goals of the honor society. Accompanying the award was a check for $250.

Students awarded

Six students recently accepted academic awards at PUC.

Andrea Marie Poulos of Munster, received the A.D. Sander award. Poulos was named the outstanding graduating senior within the university's School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Sander Award is named in honor of the PUC professor emeritus of history, A.D. Sander.

Paul Sengstock of Chicago Heights, Ill., and William Vitaniemi of Kouts, received the William Edwin Murrell Award for outstanding seniors in the department of electrical engineering technology. The Murrell Award is presented in honor of a former PUC electrical engineering student, who died during his senior year.

Suzette Marie Czekala of Crown Point, and Dawn Renee Geurts of Hammond, received the Shirley Staton Memorial Award for their involvement in the PUC Women's Studies Program. The namesake of the Stanton Award is a deceased PUC professor who was instrumental in establishing the Women's Studies academic program on campus.

Mark Batliner of Griffith, was named the Accounting Honor Student.

Outstanding future educators honored

Five PUC student teachers were honored as outstanding future educators by the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) at its annual teacher recognition banquet held in Indianapolis.

Elementary education student teachers honored were Christina Eaton of Cedar Lake, Michelle Powell of Whiting, and Joy Reiner and Laura Zeller of Schererville.

Recognized as an outstanding secondary student teacher was Nancy Hoban of Munster.

Bank One Merrillville scholarship established

The Bank One Merrillville scholarship at PUC is completed and is currently benefiting seven PUC students.

The final check of the five-year commitment, originally made possible by the foresight of the bank's president James Dandurand, was recently presented to the university.

Students that reside in Lake or Porter County, Ind., have a minimum SAT score of 800, and demonstrate financial need can apply for this scholarship. Preference is given to students studying management, business, economics, finance or organizational leadership and supervision.

"A Year Among the Trees of Purdue Calumet"

For people interested in nature, the indigenous inhabitants of the Calumet Region and history, the book, "A Year Among the Trees," is available at the PUC bookstore for $11.

In the book are illustrations by artist Tom Bailey, poetry by PUC English professor Charles Tinkham and historical references by PUC English professor Robert E. Nicols, Jr.

"The Muffins are coming!"

"The Muffins are coming" will soon be heard at Deep River County Park. The Muffins are a vintage baseball team from Columbus, Ohio, who are traveling to the park on Sunday, July 21. They will engage the Deep River Grinders in a gentleman's game of vintage baseball at 2 p.m. on Grinder Field.

The teams play by 1858 rules. They do not swear, spit, chew tobacco, steal bases, lead off bases, wear mitts, or perform any ungentlemanly acts. The umpire fines players who do commit such acts.

Contact (219) 947-1958 for more information. The Park is located on Old Lincoln Highway at County Line Road in Merrillville.

Corrections

In the May 19 issue of the Chronicle the story on new student government leaders omitted the name of Senator Michael Mitchell. We regret the error.

'A poet can survive everything but a misprint.'

- Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde (1854 - 1932)

Quote of the week

'Most people are on the world, not in it-have no conscious sympathy or relationship to anything about them-undiffused, separate, and rigidly alone like marbles of polished stone, touching but separate.

- John Muir (1838 - 1914)

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Asbestos removal set for Anderson building

BY SCOTT GONZALES
Staff Writer

The Purdue University Board of Trustees requested funds for asbestos removal for the Anderson Building to coincide with future remodeling projects. This action was taken during the regular meeting on May 24.

The Anderson building, as many buildings constructed in the 1960s, was constructed using asbestos as an insulator and a fire proofing agent. Asbestos covers all the steel beams in the Anderson building as a fireproofing measure.

The brittle asbestos fibers crumble, and become airborne, they have been determined to be a potential health hazard. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that an air sample not exceed the level of 0.1 fiber per cubic centimeter of air over an eight hour time weighted average.

A February 21 air sample taken this year at the Anderson building indicated the highest level to be .0021 fiber per cubic centimeter over an eight hour time weighted average. Those readings are far below the OSHA standards so the asbestos will not endanger anyone in the building.

During the interim of project completion more air sampling will be done periodically to insure that proper levels are still maintained.

One of the building systems in need of replacement is the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system. This project has been delayed year after year but now cannot be ignored because a total system failure could result in a loss of building usage without any advance warning whatsoever.

The current system is obsolete because repair parts cannot be found for some system components.The replacement of steam and chilled water lines this summer, is expected to be due by August. The lines will also supply the new Office/Classroom building to be built between Anderson and the Donald Powers building.

An increase in building activities demands that the building be renovated in the near future. The only problem with renovation is that it would disturb the asbestos. Also, the cost of using certified contractors puts the project budget beyond reason.

It is for these reasons that Purdue is asking for special funding from the Indiana General Assembly during their 1997 session. The cost of the asbestos removal and building reconstruction will run $8 million.

If approved by the General Assembly, asbestos removal and reconstruction of the Anderson Building would begin in the Fall of 1998 after the completion of the Office/Classroom Building. The staff, classes and laboratories of the Anderson Building would be relocated to the newly finished Office/Classroom Building until reconstruction and asbestos removal would be complete. The entire Anderson project and relocation should be finalized by July of 2000.

Contruction on campus in full swing

Construction on the Founders Plaza site, commenced in early June on the land between the Student Faculty Library Center and the Gyte Building. (pictured right)

Elsewhere on campus, other projects include construction at the Anderson building and a new parking lot northeast of the Porter building.

Photo by Sean Kingston

Scholarship established in honor of former PUC mathematics professor

BY GREGG LEONARD
Editor-in-Chief

A gift from Ourania Forbes, wife of deceased Purdue University Calumet Professor Jack E. Forbes, has been used to establish a scholarship fund and an outdoor campus sitting area in his memory at Purdue Calumet.

Professor Forbes, who died in 1995, was affiliated with the Purdue University Calumet for 26 years. During his career he wrote four textbooks, 50 scholarly papers and articles, and made more than 500 national and international presentations.

"Professor Forbes was a respected and distinguished leader in the field of mathematics education," said Purdue Calumet Chancellor James Yackel, also a professor of mathematics. "We are pleased, and we know our students are appreciative that Mrs. Forbes has chosen to recognize her late husband in such a generous, noteworthy manner."

Clint Coleman of Lansing, Ill., is the 1996-97 recipient of the scholarship. The award, generated by interest earnings, is valued at $2,200. The scholarship is intended for Purdue Calumet students majoring in mathematics who demonstrate academic prowess and financial need.

The sitting area is located on the lawn west of the Anderson Building. The area will feature three benches, bordered by burning bushes and an oak tree for shade.

To contribute

Those interested in contributing to these memorials can do so by contacting Purdue Calumet's Office of Advancement at (219)-989-2323 or toll free : (800)-228-0799, ext. 2323 (within the Indiana 219 area code) and (800)-862-5690, ext. 2323 (within the Illinois 708 area code).

Plaza

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concrete pavers that represent the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet Rivers. Dune grasses will encompass the area between the two walkways, with a small waterway representing the wetlands of the region. A reflecting pool with a steel sculpture of Great Herons taking flight will be the central feature.

In the mid-1800's the Calumet region was almost completely wetland from Lake Michigan to the Kankakee River. By the early 1900s, the area was drained and built up, providing both rich farmland and industrial sites.

Steel mills and oil refineries sprang up on the new land and residential development soon followed, with all the amenities including the present-day Purdue Calumet.

There are still areas along the Little and Grand Calumet (mostly in Gary) which remain in the natural state. The plaza is an attempt to capture some of this quiet beauty of an area now dominated by highway and the ever-present high-tension wires dotting the skyline.

The plaza will be financed with donations by alumni, faculty, staff, area residents and businesses. The project will be completed when all funding has been obtained. The first of three phases will be completed this summer.

Concrete paving bricks with names engraved on them are being sold for $100 and $175. These bricks will be set in the walkway around the reflecting pool. Alumni, students, faculty and organizations are encouraged to be remembered with the purchase of a paver. Donors can also provide for a bench within the plaza. Purdue Calumet's Office of Advancement can provide information about purchasing pavers or donating to the plaza fund. Gary W. Edwards, executive assistant to the chancellor for advancement, is coordinating the fundraising.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kucsera, of Hammond, purchased the plaza's first paving brick in memory of their son Michael, a former mechanical engineering student who died in an auto accident in 1985. They were on hand to help break ground.

Where once a road divided the campus, the plaza will provide a central focal point for the campus.

"Founders Plaza will enrich further our campus by providing a setting of beauty and comfort available for anyone to enjoy," Chancellor Yackel said.

Photo courtesy of University Relations

Chancellor James Yackel describes to the crowd what the new Founders Plaza will look like when it is through. Work on the first phase of the plaza will be completed by late summer.

Career Corner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indianapolis Career Fair
July 25
Holiday Inn Select North
3850 DePauw Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN
9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30

In addition to obvious employment opportunities, participants will be able to attend seminars on a variety of career related topics.

The 10th Annual Indiana Summer Teacher Recruitment Fair
July 24
Ben Davis High School
1200 North Girls School Road
Indianapolis, IN 46214
9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Registration (No advanced registration)
9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. Candidate Orientation
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Open visitation with employers and interview scheduling.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Scheduled Interviews

This is an opportunity for school employers to fill late staff openings and for candidates to interview for same. Bring a supply of resumes to distribute.

JOBS OF THE WEEK

#538 MECHANICAL ENGINEER
Allied Tube & Conduit Harvey, IL. Full Time Must have Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and some work experience.

#545 SCIENCE/MATH TEACHER
Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Valparaiso, IN. Full Time
Grade 7 - Need valid Indiana License/Middle School and Math - BS degree.

#504 COMPUTER TECHNICIAN
Purdue University North Central, Westville, IN. Full-Part Time. Associates degree in EE, EET, Computer Technology or related field OR college coursework with six months experience in hardware technical support.

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The Chronicle Online

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The Chronicle has recently made a renewed effort in its on-line presence. Dubbed The Chronicle Online, the newly redesigned and expanded web pages are an excellent resource of information for students, faculty and cyberspace visitors to our campus. Stories in the low-tech but highly portable paper version will have a reference to The Chronicle Online with the above graphic, indicating that more information is available on-line.

The nature of the Internet is such that publishing information on-line is a lot quicker than putting it on paper. Links to other pertinent information elsewhere on the web is but a mouse click away. It will be The Chronicle Online's job to organize, edit and present this information to users in a timely, and useful manner.

The growth of the Internet has been phenomenal. From its humble beginnings as a cold war project at the Department of Defense's Advanced Research Project Association, the Internet has gone wild with the development of the World Wide Web and its hyperlink concept. It has become the "multi-media global circus," hypothesized by author Bruce Sterling.

Which brings us to our corner of hyperspace. Around campus, Netscape, albeit an older version, is available on every PC. We can use these to browse the Web and view such things as The Chronicle Online, information on PUC, and actually do research. But the computers are not set up correctly to take advantage of the capabilities of the Web. Old versions of Netscape, and inadequate video setups on monitors and computers capable of displaying the colors and higher resolution needed to take advantage of the Web hamper students in their research and learning. Tell CUSS (or whatever they are calling themselves these days) you want an 800 x 600 display with at least 256 colors.

Students have the ability to create their own Web page with the computing resources here at PUC. About 20 have tried, eight have succeeded. This may be more of a comment on the computing resources here at PUC than the student's abilities, but leave that for a later editorial. Creating a Web page is not simple to do, but is rapidly becoming easier. There are free seminars available on campus to help one learn how to create Web pages.

A committee had been established to develop a campus homepage. Most of the members of the committee have other positions at PUC, and have volunteered their time to help advertise the University. They have done so and are restructuring to help fill in the holes. What is lacking is students help and input. Students are a vast resource of help and knowledge. Plus they work for a small wage: the experience.

The Web team at The Chronicle Online is doing this for the fun of it and the experience. There is money to be made in the on-line world.

Contact Wes Lukoshas at 989-2217 for info about PUC Web initiatives, or Gregg Leonard at 989-2039 to help out with the Chronicle Online.

There is a world out there, a world of opportunity. It is but a mouse click away.

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At a monitor near you

The Chronicle unveils its web-page

Commentary by Scott Gonzales

To say that computers have taken the world by storm would be an understatement. Computers rule the world and are getting stronger by the minute. We write memos, letters, inventories and run giant multi-million dollar corporations through computers. With our government being run by computers – as if that doesn't scare you enough – it's time to inform all of our reading public that The Chronicle (yes, The Chronicle) has debuted a newly designed Web page located at **http://axp.calumet.purdue.edu/~chronicle** on a monitor near you.

If you are an avid surfer of the Internet you already are aware how Web pages have flourished throughout the last couple of years. Every company, no matter how little or how big, seems to be publishing Web pages and plastering their own company logos and propaganda throughout the space of the Internet. The ubiquitous URL (Universal Resource Locator) that is the i.d. of a Web site is even featured in television commercials.

Is this good or bad? Well information is power and the more we know about companies, organizations and ideals only helps us in our day to day lives. But then again the publishers of these pages are giving you mostly their views of the world in which they would like you to surf. As in all things there is excellence out there to read and view but then again there are those pages which only speak to the basest of instincts and intellects.

CNN, Nike, Reebok, United Artist, Warner Brothers, Microsoft, NBC, Good Morning America and Oprah all have Web pages. But is that any reason to get into the act also? Why not. This is a learning facility and why not learn how to publish well into the next century? So, for the Chronicle to have a Web page really impresses me.

Since I see things at this paper which the rest of the reading public does not, I was astounded by how nice it looked when I first viewed it on Netscape. It still surprises me to see the paper come out on time; you should have seen my mouth drop as I clicked my way around the Chronicles' Web page links.

What does the Chronicle Web page contain, you may ask? Well, it includes the usual Chronicle items, campus news, editorials, movie reviews (my favorite link), sports and the award winning art of our own Rhede Rhodes. It also has links to local, national and world news.

"We're going to try and keep it current with subjects interesting to our student body," said Gregg Leonard, Editor-in-Chief. "Hopefully we'll be able to change things and put a different spin on items which regularly appear in the paper itself."

I like the idea of anyone in the nation being able to see Rhedes' art, read Ray Liskey's sports talk, or revel in one of my glorious movie reviews (I don't have an ego problem). It's an opportunity which was not available to a student paper in past years.

Now let's not get big-headed about this now. We're not going to solve the world's problems or publish the cure to the common cold here. We're just "out there" like many others squeezing onto the airwaves or telephone wires attached to modems over the nation. And this must please many of our critics which always proclaimed that we were in fact "out there."

Much time and effort has gone into the creation of this Web page throughout the summer and all the credit is due to Gregg Leonard. The wheels inside of his head seem to always be turning when all outward signs seem to tell the regular layman that he's just messing with our computers again. Yet this Chronicle Web page is another source to stay informed and in touch with what's happening around the Purdue Calumet campus.

Remember we're at **http://axp.calumet.purdue.edu/~chronicle** in your Netscape address box – visit us. Will our Web page be the rage? Will our Web page be a model for all Web pages? Eh, who knows...but the internet may never be the same.

(Editors note: We need help! If you wish to be a Web-head, contact us. We are in need of graphic designers, computer artists and Web-heads. Experience helpful, but not required. We have the tools to bring your ideas forth from your brain!)

Engaging your spouse in marriage counseling

BY LORNA HECKER, PH.D.
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Probably the most difficult part of marital therapy is getting your spouse to go. In fact, just making the decision to go to marital counseling together seems to start many couples in a positive direction. Research has shown that most couples actually get better between the time they call for marital counseling and their first session. But getting into marital counseling can be a challenge, particularly if your spouse is reluctant to go for outside help. Some of this difficulty stems from beliefs that families should not "air their dirty laundry in public." Yet we no longer live in a culture where young adults have "tribal elders" or extended family they can readily consult when they run into problems with their marriage. Marital therapy is a viable option (especially when other options have not worked) to try to save or help a troubled marriage.

Many people, however, are reluctant to try to engage their spouse in counseling. Some people believe their spouse won't go to therapy, no matter what. Others don't want to cause any upset at home, or they may believe problems are caused by their own dissatisfaction since their spouse may say that they think everything is fine in the marriage. More often, people think that their partner will never change, or that only their partner needs to change. When a partner engages in a blaming stance in the relationship, it becomes difficult to see the spouse in a different light (i.e. as someone willing to get help for their marriage). And yet others have already found their own "solution" to marital problems by compensations such as over-involvement with their children, work, religious activities, an affair or other less productive paths to intimacy.

In addition, therapists' offices are filled with individuals who complain of depression, anxiety, distress and other maladies. If we examined many of these individuals further, we would find that the cause of the distress is a distressed relationship. Yet these individuals do not ask their partner to join them in therapy, and often therapists fail to ask them to bring in their significant other.

If you are in a relationship that is not satisfying, and the methods you have tried to improve the relationship have not worked, here are some tips for how to ask your partner to join you in marital therapy (or premarital therapy or couples counseling, depending upon your situation).

■ Ask your spouse to join you in therapy. Most people are just afraid to ask. Express your concern about your relationship in a non-blaming way.

Don't let the myth that "he/she will never go to counseling" dissuade you. While some people may not value counseling, if they value their marriage, and they know how important it is to their spouse, they will go. A good therapist will work to put them at ease once they get in the office. As a therapist, I hear this all the time, and 90 percent of the time, it just isn't true that someone will never go to therapy.

■ Don't let your spouse pull you into an argument. Try a broken record technique such as: "We disagree; and we disagree a lot. That's why I would like for us to go to marital therapy." Say it over and over (like a broken record), rather than get pulled into an argument. Also, ask for what you do want from your spouse, rather than what you don't want. Remember that an investment in marital counseling is usually less costly (emotionally and monetarily) than an investment in a divorce.

■ If you have previously asked your spouse to go to therapy before and he/she refused, ask again, but ask differently. Most people have great difficulty asking their partner to counseling in a non-defensive, caring way because they are hurting. Try, "I love you, I care about us and I need some help in learning how to communicate to you better. I would like to try counseling." Select a time when there are no distractions, and your spouse is rested.

■ Lastly, if you absolutely cannot get your spouse to agree to go to marital therapy, go yourself. A good therapist can help you develop strategies to get your spouse into counseling, and at the very least you can change how you are managing your relationship problems.

What is the MFTC?

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They provide couple, family, and individual therapy to area residents, students, and staff.

They can be contacted by phone at 989-2027.

Sports

Swing the summer blues away

Sports talk by
Raymond Liskey

I'm thinking of something green with scattered white spots all over it. Although this place has several lakes, rivers and even patches of clean sand, you're not supposed to go into the water. Swearing is very common here among the tree-lined fairways. O.K., one more clue: this place also bears flags which mark territories in multiples of nine. Give up? It's a golf course.

With the exception of my trip to the province of Ontario, golfing has given me some of the most serene and thought provoking moments of my life. I remember golfing a few summers back a couple of days a week, right after work. I enjoyed walking through the course listening to the gentle wind rustling and unwinding after a long day. As I played my leisurely game, I felt relaxed and often reflected on my life, ambitions and how peaceful I felt during those moments.

Some people view golf as hitting a stupid little ball with a stick into a hole. While golf is not as fast paced or even as physical as other sports, it still provides a great challenge to mortal men and women around the world.

Starting out is not as hard as it seems. Before beginning the quest for the mighty hole in one, I suggest a trip or two to the driving range. At the range, a new golfer may swing with his own clubs (or clubs provided by the golf center) to get a feel for the different clubs and how far each club can hit the ball. A fistful of dollars will get you a bucket of golf balls to hit at the various distance markers, signs and sometimes even a ball collector driving a fenced in cart. Just for fun, you can try your best Happy Gilmore impression and hit the ball as hard as you can.

Common golf myths

- ❑ I'm not good enough to play golf.
- ❑ It's illegal to hit birdies and eagles on a golf course.
- ❑ To play golf, I have to wear those weird looking pants.

As anyone who has golfed before can tell you, once a golfer has learned to swing and has a few rounds behind the proverbial belt, he can offer advice to other golfers on the course and on the range. For a few dollars more, most golf courses offer lessons or tips from the course's golf pro.

A few weeks ago, I went to a driving range with a friend of mine who had never golfed before in his life. He borrowed a set of clubs, took some advice from another friend and I and then learned how to swing. Greg Norman still has plenty of job security, but my friend is looking forward to playing his first round of golf soon.

Once you're on the course, you're ready to experience the joy of the playing the links. The object of golf is to shoot the fewest amount of strokes as possible. Par is a pretty good goal and is the number of shots that an average golfer takes to put the ball in the hole from the tee. Getting birdies and eagles are even better than par. A birdie is achieving one shot less than par and an eagle is two shots less than par.

The closest I ever came to a hole in one occurred during a golf match in high school. I birdied a par three hole at Lake Hills by driving my ball over a small pond and onto the green about two feet in front of the hole.

Besides the competitive aspect, golfing offers people several other benefits. Walking (while carrying your clubs) through the course while playing nine or 18 holes is great exercise. In addition, golf courses offer golfers a beautiful place to relax and just enjoy the scenery on a warm summer day. Filling up a foursome to play a round offers golfers a chance to bond with their friends or family. Don't forget the famed nineteenth hole which offers food and your choice of beverage after a great day of golfing.

Finding the perfect golf shot may take an entire lifetime, but just remember this: no matter how bad a golfer you are, there is always someone worse than you.

Ray's golf advice

- ❑ Listen to the advice of more experienced golfers (hee-hee)
- ❑ Don't talk or make noise while someone else is hitting or putting
- ❑ Don't step in front of another golfer's putting path
- ❑ Always replace your divots
- ❑ Never get a lower score than your boss
- ❑ Don't try golfing for the first time on the hottest day of the summer
- ❑ Hitting the ball accurately is more important than hitting the ball hard (ask Happy Gilmore)

Off the bench

letters to the sports editor

Hey Ray,

I have a question: is baseball still America's pastime? The reason why I ask is that basketball has become a popular sport among weekend warriors. In the winter they flock to gyms like migrating buffalo and during the summer they live in the parks playing basketball with people they have never met before.

Don't get me wrong. Baseball's O.K., if you have the time to watch it or play it. I mean nine innings of someone saying, "A swing and he misses," or my fav, "Here comes the pitch," like I can't see that the pitch is coming.

Baseball needs to get a facelift or to be redone for the 90's era with a faster type game with higher scores. If it wasn't for the rookie pitcher Nomo last year, I wouldn't have even cared for a baseball season. Here is a little joke: what did they players throw baseball management last year? A strike, get it.

I thought the N.B.A. had it bad with Dennis. At least they just have one rebel, while Major League Baseball has a whole league of prima donnas. Look at them when you watch baseball, in the outfield with their gargoyle sunglasses and their gold chains with their numbers hanging off of it.

So here is a new slogan for baseball: "Baseball, I'd rather watch golf!" Baseball is a sport going down the tubes fast so lets here it for basketball, "America's favorite past-time."

From:
WHITEMC@AXP.CALUMET.PURDUE.EDU

To Ray...

You have no credibility in sports and should not claim you do just cause you went to a few sports games as a kid. You sure ain't no Sox fan if you like the Cubs. A die-hard fan only likes one baseball team, and hates the Cubs!!! Please stop acting like you are an authority in sports and get a clue. And cut your damn hair!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pissed off
From: VMS::HALUSKKR

Dear Ray,

I am not a baseball fan, but I thought that your article was very good. It was interesting and it held my attention. It was almost like I went to the baseball game with you and your family because you made the story so real. Keep up the good work.

Linda A. Gary
From:
IN%"garyla@calumet.purdue.edu"

Do you like to watch sports? Would you like to share your views with countless others? Do you breathe in the same oxygen as others on this campus? If you answered yes to any of the previous questions, then call 989 -2039 or stop by The Chronicle office in C-344H.

Baseball standings

Standings Through Tuesday, July 16

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
NEW YORK	57	34	.626	-
BALTIMORE	47	44	.516	10
TORONTO	42	51	.452	16
BOSTON	41	50	.451	16
DETROIT	28	66	.298	30 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE CENTRAL

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
CLEVELAND	56	37	.602	-
CHICAGO	54	39	.581	2
MILWAUKEE	45	47	.489	10 1/2
MINNESOTA	43	49	.467	12 1/2
KANSAS CITY	40	54	.426	16 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
TEXAS	54	39	.581	-
SEATTLE	50	41	.549	3
OAKLAND	46	48	.489	8 1/2
CALIFORNIA	45	49	.479	9 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
ATLANTA	59	34	.634	-
MONTREAL	50	43	.538	9
NEW YORK	45	48	.484	14
FLORIDA	43	50	.462	16
PHILADELPHIA	40	52	.435	18 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE CENTRAL

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
ST LOUIS	51	42	.548	-
HOUSTON	49	46	.516	3
CINCINNATI	42	46	.477	6 1/2
CHICAGO	43	50	.462	8
PITTSBURGH	41	52	.441	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
LOS ANGELES	50	45	.526	-
COLORADO	48	44	.522	1/2
SAN DIEGO	49	46	.516	1
SAN FRANCISCO	40	52	.435	8 1/2

Entertainment

Hot, Hot, Hot

A look at the summer movie season by Scott Gonzales

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The summer movie season seems to start earlier and earlier each year. Last year brought the first big hits "Die Hard with a Vengeance" and "Braveheart" (which went on to win the Academy Award for best picture just a couple months ago).

The trailers for these soon-to-be summer smashes are already bombarding the silver screens and television screens across the nation. The flying tractor wheel blowing in the twister winds or Tom Cruise being exploded right into our laps are hard to escape. But will these movies really deliver?

Here's a short list of some films coming for your $7.50 this summer. I won't get into the films "Twister" and "Mission: Impossible" for obvious reasons (just read my reviews of these films).

The much anticipated comedy of the summer "The Cable Guy," stars the twenty million dollar funny man Jim Carrey. It's the story of a lonely cable installer (Carrey) who, after illegally installing Matthew Broderick's character with unlimited pay channels, feels Broderick owes him something for the deed. Carrey decides that Broderick will be his new best friend much to the surprise of Broderick who sees Carrey as more of a stalker than a friend. Already in theaters.

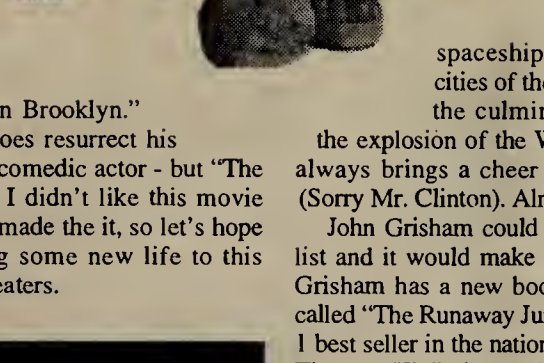
Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. studios

Arnold Schwarzenegger and Vanessa Williams will light up the screens.

Soon following is the next thick-neck adventure starring Arnold Schwarzenegger called "Eraser."

Schwarzenegger is a federal agent who protects witnesses by "erasing" anyone who happens to get in his way. This time he's protecting the beautiful Vanessa Williams who also stars in this big budget slugfest. Will this feature be the hit Shwarzenegger's "True Lies" was last year or the dud "The Last Action Hero" was? Already in theaters.

It's remake time when "The Nutty Professor," the old Jerry Lewis comedy of the '60s, comes to the screen with Eddie Murphy at the helm. I liked Murphy in "Boomerang" but he failed me in last year's "Vampire In Brooklyn." It's my hope he does resurrect his failing career as a comedic actor - but "The Nutty Professor?" I didn't like this movie when Jerry Lewis made the it, so let's hope Murphy can bring some new life to this tale. Already in theaters.



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Jim Carrey plays stupid again while Mathew Broderick plays the straight man in the dark comedy, 'The Cable Guy.'

Carl Hiasen wrote a thrilling novel a few years ago titled "Striptease" which Demi Moore has turned into a comedy. Moore hasn't had much luck with adapting books to the silver screen, as in last year's " The Scarlet Letter." Moore was slapped on the wrist for changing the ending of Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic novel and hearing that "Striptease" was a thriller in print but a comedy on the big screen doesn't bode well with this critic. Already in theaters.

One of the really hyped movies I'm looking forward to is "Independence Day." It's the old story of aliens coming to invade the world, only this time they mean business. It's been hyped as "War of the Worlds" crossed with "The Towering Inferno," and I've always been a sucker for a good disaster film. The trailer shows only a little of the movie. A huge shadow is cast by the alien spaceship blackening major cities of the United States with the culminating scene being the explosion of the White House, which always brings a cheer from the audience (Sorry Mr. Clinton). Already in theaters.

John Grisham could publish his grocery list and it would make the best sellers list. Grisham has a new book out this summer called "The Runaway Jury" which is the No. 1 best seller in the nation. His first novel "A Time To Kill" hits the theaters this summer. This film stars everyone's Internet sweetheart Sandra Bullock and newcomer Matthew McConaughey, who is described by Grisham as a young Paul Newman. This looks like a sure hit! Opens July 19.

I grew up in the '60s, and if you grew up in the '60s that means you watched "The Brady Bunch" on television. Last year's sleeper hit, "The Brady Bunch Movie," brought back that campy family with hilarious results. This year's installment, "A Very Brady Sequel" is scheduled for release July 26. OK, so it's not one of the truly HOT movies of this summer, but let's just say it's a good "no-brainer" movie - and what's wrong with that?

Robert De Niro is just the best actor on the planet. Case closed. No one can play a psychotic stalker to the nth degree quite like he does - and he does it again in "The Fan." This is another adaptation of a book brought to the screen about a baseball player and an obsessed fan. Wesley Snipes stars as the all-pro baseball star, so guess what part De Niro plays? This film is directed by Tony Scott ("Top Gun"), so it may be interesting. Opens August 16.

Photo courtesy of TriStar pictures

Robert De Niro and Wesley Snipes star in 'The Fan.'

And last but not least there is "Escape From L.A." from John Carpenter. Who can forget ol' Snake Pliskin (Kurt Russell) from the cult classic "Escape From New York" some thirteen years ago? Well now California has broken off from the mainland of the United States in this movie and has been made into a maximum security prison like New York was in the first film. It's probably a rehash of the first film but I still loved the first one so much I'll probably see this one also. Opens in August.

Well that's about it. That's some of the big movies which will be heating up the screens this summer. Though it isn't quite summer movie weather yet (100 degrees in the shade and 200 percent humidity) don't despair, it soon will be, and the only island of cool comfort will be your local theater. See you there.

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Demi Moore is expected to raise a sweat on movie patron's brows with her performance in 'Striptease.'

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Randy Quaid

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Roland Emmerich

Reviewed by Dan Barlo

Now what kind of movie would "Star Wars" be if every time Han Solo made the jump into hyperspace he began to ramble on about the finer mathematical points of light speed and the calculations included thereof?

Well, we'd end up with what's known as a hardcore science fiction work. "2001" withstanding, these type of works rarely translate into good movies if they ever translate into movies at all. Those laws and theories only bog the plot down and distract the audience from what really matters: the alien body count, laser blasts, explosions, and one-liners.

This is why, in the spirit of the moment, Han Solo merely yells, "Punch it, Chewie!!," cues special effects, and away we go.

This philosophy is known as the Lucasian Laws of Blockbusters, named after founder George Lucas. When well utilized, these laws help filmmakers cut corners with style, insuring that you will not need a physics degree to fully enjoy science fiction.

For example, one such law allows a pitiful band of rebels and their Neolithic Ewok buddies to defeat an entire legion of the Emperor's elite stormtroopers. Other laws let Han Solo understand one indeterminate Chewbacca growl from the other without the help of a protocol droid and of course, enable Luke Skywalker to use "the Force" with a total disregard for science altogether.

Movies like these are definitely not meant to raise the sagging science scores of our nation's students, but they will give them one hell of a joy ride during this summer vacation.

The latest in the Lucasian line of space opera blockbuster is Independence Day (or "ID4"). Picture taking your F-15 jet into a dogfight against the laser-toting fighters of a supreme intergalactic intelligence. It's reckless, but damn it, it's exhilarating. "ID4" gushes with wide-eyed thrills keeping you too busy to see if the vapor trail behind you is complying with the laws of physics or not.

Cutting corners for the sake of story, "ID4" shamelessly covers them up with mouth-watering special effects that fill the entire screen. Sufficiently awed, one is now more willing to overlook that occasional breach in reality to revel in the grandiose – and frightening – adventure of an alien attack on earth.

If you think you've seen this movie before, you probably have. Elements of "Aliens," "War of the Worlds," and "Return of the Jedi," are here. There's even a tie-in to Roswell, Nevada, the alleged site of an actual hush-hush UFO crash.

But, believe the hype: you've never seen special effects like this, before. The work that was put into the effects is probably just as much of a SF story as the movie itself.

The immense doomsday-gray saucers emerge from an apocalyptic stew of clouds to hover over earth's great cities is convincing enough to make the ships of "Star Wars" we once gasped at looking like toilet-paper rolls taped together.

"I've got a bad feeling about this," (another nod to George Lucas) says one character as she eyes one of the ships. With the exception of some people atop skyscrapers waiting with welcome signs for the aliens (stupid, stupid Californians), the general consensus is one of utter panic.

Tension is thus brought to a ferocious head and kept there for a good 45 minutes. Meanwhile, you're introduced to the main characters, letting you relate to them before all of their petty dreams are dashed to hell under the icy-blue death ray of the alien ships.

All of the cast members fulfill their roles as archetypical Nerd and Jock combine forces to fight Alien in the ensuing war. Bill Pullman is the cool-headed President of the United States; Jeff Goldblum plays the slightly eccentric scientist who solves the problem; Will Smith is the Han Solo-like fighter pilot; and Randy Quaid is the drunken former war hero. Glorified (but ill-fated) cameos by Harry Connick Jr., Mary O'Donnell, and Brent Spiner (Data of Star Trek fame) round out the characters.

The cast is well-rounded, and you are given sufficient script to feel their pain, but like "Jurassic Park," the actors take a back seat to the groundbreaking special effects.

The sight of New York City being destroyed as a firestorm literally eats everything in its path or a dogfight in the Grand Canyon swinging around the tightest of angles is sure to jolt everyone out of their seats.

Perhaps the fact that we humans can defeat the aliens in three days - you didn't actually think we'd lose, did you - instead of a trilogy of movies is stretching it, but like a lot in "Independence Day," you'll be willing to let that one slide.

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Bullets vs. Lasers?
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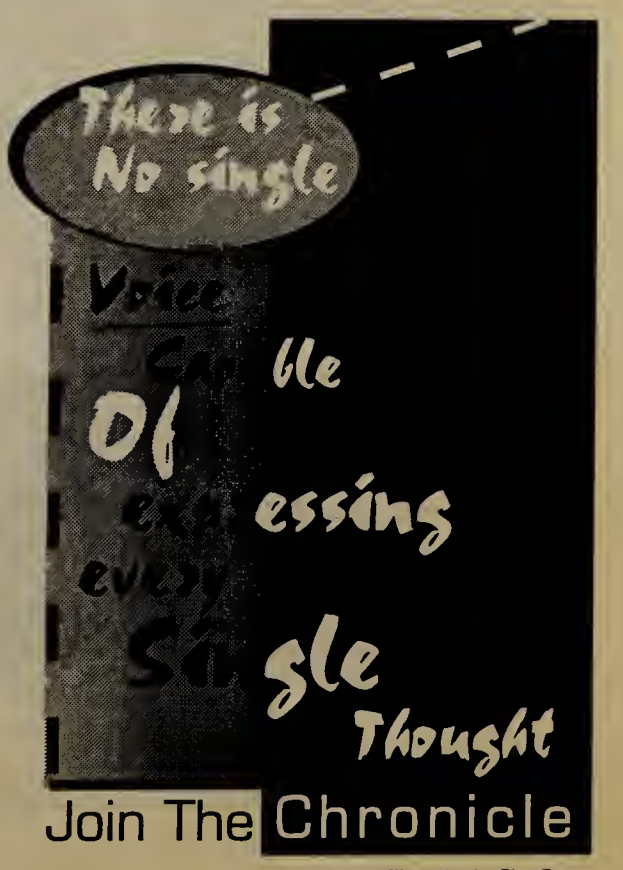

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